

The earth is one big, hard, uncharted rock to the crippled aviator.

When the army balloon corps is organized high private will be in demand.

Don't hesitate to tell the census taker your age. He has sworn to be discreet.

It is estimated that out of a population of 40,000,000 in Great Britain, 11,000,000 are either under or on the poverty line.

The world over Americans have a reputation for doing things. That's why the foreign aviators at Ribeauville accord Curious so much respect.

Society must be improving since the various scoring demonstrations it has received. The news comes from New York that there is a hunger famine there.

People may not be able to explain rationally the popular sympathy with a jury that declares a man insane who recites poetry, but the sympathy is there, all the same.

Women who have won terms in the government lottery can if unmarried husbands get all the help they need for increasing their crops without applying to the employment agencies.

The scramble for social prestige at Newport has caused a French visitor to receive an old Greek warning: "I doubt if the people would take anything like so much trouble to get into heaven."

It has been estimated that 40 per cent of the children under eight in the public schools of London drink alcohol liquor "more or less regularly." And yet American children are called precocious.

The latest calculations on the course of Haller's comet approaching the earth exhibit no point of peril for aspiring aviators. Still, cameras and flying machines both have been known to do things out of the day's run.

In Chicago they have started a school for tubercular children. Most of the sessions are held in the open air, and the children are said to act as if they were having a picnic. Their routine work takes in systematic care of the teeth, breathing exercises, gymnastics and the shower bath.

There is something very pathetic in the picture of the little Shah of Persia trying to kill himself because, frightened at his lonely gradient, he wants his parents. The emptiness of high royal honors in these stormy times strikes even to the soul of a child, when he has to pay for them with his human needs.

It might have been supposed that California had enjoyed her share of earthquakes, but now while Mexican cities are partly in ruins and Spain is reporting tremors, California will feel herself fortunate at having escaped with the shake of recent date, which was so gentle that there were people in San Francisco and San Jose who did not feel it.

In his brief experience of the business of ruling an awakened people the Shah Mohammed Ali has probably learned that there are times when wise people do best to adopt the motto: "Anything for a quiet life." He has been offered a pension of \$75,000 a year if he will restore the national jewels. The likelihood is that he will take the offer and retire into Russia.

The work of arresting chauffeurs—when they can be caught—and fining them for speeding goes merrily on, but with no appreciable diminution in the speeding. A little change in principle might work a great change in custom in this respect. If the automobile were arrested and fined and held for the payment of the fine things would soon wear a different aspect.

A new one was promptly found for the new Lincoln pennies. It seems, according to a Washington account, that they are in great demand by congressmen to present to babies in their districts, as the first issue will become in time rare coins. This use of the penny is significant in pointing the fact that in spite of its great achievements this is the age of small things—especially babies.

A New York magistrate wants the establishment of the whipping-post on account of the great number of wife-beating cases in his district. It is a pity that there is not the like official sympathy for ill-treated wives in this state, where the whipping-post has been established by law and practically nullified by the sympathy, for some occult reason, being given to the wife-beater instead of to his victim.

A curious source of wealth is reported by the French consul at Mongolia, in upper Tonkin. It lies in wood mines. The wood originally was a pine forest, which the earth swallowed in some cataclysm. They lie in a slanting direction and in sandy soil, which covers them to a depth of about eight yards. As the top branches are well preserved, it is thought that the geological convolution which buried them cannot be of very great antiquity. The wood furnished by these timber mines is imperishable and the Chinese buy it for coffins.

CURT REPLY CAUSE OF PEARY'S CLAIM

EXPLORER ON STEAMSHIP EXPLAINS HE PLEDGED FOLLOWERS TO SECRECY.

DISPUTE OVER STORES IS TOLD

Repeats Charge That Supplies Were Seized and Tells of Arrangement for Eskimos and Rasmussen to Come to New York.

On Board the Steamer Oscar II at Sea, Sept. 11, via Marconi Wireless Telegraph to Cape Race, N. C.—"Told the people of America to have the fullest confidence in my conquest of the pole. I have records of observations made by me which will prove my claims. I shall be glad to set my foot on American soil."

This was the brief message Dr. Frederick A. Cook asked the Associated Press to give to his countrymen as he neared home on the steamer Oscar II from Norway to New York. The steamer Oscar II is due to arrive some time next Monday.

Dr. Cook discussed freely with the Associated Press correspondent the assertion of Commander Peary that he (Dr. Cook) had never reached the north pole, and drew from him a detailed story of the causes that brought about dissensions between the two explorers.

When he departed for the north Dr. Cook said he left a depot of provisions at Anvik, north of Etah, in charge of Rudolph Francke and several Eskimos. Francke had instructions to go south aboard a whaler and return later. This he did, but missed the returning vessel, owing to a slight illness. He was then taken aboard Peary's ship, the Roosevelt, and proceeded north.

Peary Takes Charge of Supplies.

"Commander Peary seized my supply depot at Anvik," Dr. Cook continued, "and the Eskimos in charge told him that I was dead, which they fully believed to be true at the time."

Peary placed two men in charge of the depot, Boatswain Murphy and another Harry Whitney. The New Haven hunter also remained there. Murphy had orders not to search for me, but was told that he could send Eskimos northward the following spring from the relief depot.

"When I returned from the pole unexpectedly Harry Whitney was the first to see me and to tell me what had occurred. Whitney was placed in possession of the facts concerning my journey to the pole, on condition that he would not inform Commander Peary or his men of them. At the same time the Eskimos who had accompanied me north were told to maintain the strictest silence.

"When I went into the depot there was a dispute between myself and Murphy, who delivered to me written instructions he had received from Peary, although he himself could neither read or write. These instructions showed that he was making a trading station of my depot, the contents of which had been used in trading for furs and skins."

Dr. Cook said he was intensely annoyed at this alleged wrongful use of his supplies and threatened to kick out Murphy and his companions. Finally, however, he consented to their remaining at the depot, as there was no other shelter in the vicinity for them.

Cook's Answer Evasive.

"On one occasion Murphy asked me abruptly, 'Have you been beyond the pole?' Dr. Cook said, 'But I was determined not to let Peary know of my movements,' and replied evasively that I had been much farther north. From this statement has been concocted the declaration that I had said that I had not reached the pole."

Dr. Cook declared that neither Harry Whitney nor his (Cook's) records are on board the steamer Roosevelt and that therefore Peary's information concerning him emanated from Boatswain Murphy, who knew nothing of his movements. Dr. Cook said also that he had made arrangements for the two Eskimos who went with him to the pole, and Knud Rasmussen, whom he met in Greenland, to go to New York and confirm the story of his discovery. Dr. Cook is thoroughly enjoying his rest aboard ship after the strenuous days at Copenhagen. He sleeps ten hours each night and spends a long time daily in writing and in walking the decks and conversing with the American passengers, who all have been formally presented to him by Benjamin Trueblood, president of the American Peace Society of Boston.

Appeals for Funds.

Boston, Mass.—A call upon the people of Massachusetts for funds to be used in alleviating the conditions of the flood sufferers in Mexico was made by Gov. Draper.

Posed as Thaw's Cousin.

Vernon, Tex.—Julius Truelson, alias Jonathan G. Thaw, who posed as the cousin of Harry K. Thaw, was sentenced to two years and six months in the penitentiary, following his conviction of defrauding a local bank of \$1,000.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—John Hubanks, chief of police of this city, was suspended temporarily by Mayor Scates, as a result of an investigation started in connection with alleged violations of the liquor laws.

OUT-OF-DATE BUT MADE SAFE BY THE PROP



STRIKE TIES UP TRAFFIC

OMAHA CONDUCTORS AND MACHINISTS WALK OUT.

Trouble Followed a Long Conference Between Company, Men and Association.

Chicago, Ill.—In the morgue at La Grange, a suburb of Chicago is the body of a pretty girl, fashionably dressed. Neither the police of Chicago nor the suburb have been able to learn the identity of the woman, or to determine whether she was murdered or had committed suicide.

A plain gold ring, with the initials "J. F." engraved on the band, is the only clue the police have to her identity. An empty bottle that had contained carbolic acid was found beside the body. The fact that the girl's hat was missing has caused an investigation to be made on theory that the young woman might have been murdered and the bottle left to cover up the crime.

Big Flour Plant Burns.

Portland, Oregon.—The plant of the Portland Flouring Mills company, one of the largest on the Pacific coast, caught fire, and the flames soon spread to the company's dock. It is believed the loss will approach between \$100,000 and \$100,000.

Car Turns Over at Curve.

Reading, Pa.—Running at its top speed, a trolley car turned over on a sharp curve at a concert under the tracks of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad. The conductor, William Weidner, was killed and four passengers were injured seriously.

Freed of Shooting Charge.

New York City.—The grand jury dismissed the charge of felonious assault against Mrs. Mary Scott Castle, who, on August 1, shot William B. Craig, a New York lawyer, at the Waldorf-Astoria. The grand jury's reasons were not made public.

Girl to Get Millions.

New York City.—Relatives of the late Francis H. Leggett, wholesale grocer, began a search for the will of the dead millionaire, whose estate is valued at \$10,000,000, and unless such a document can be found, his 12-year-old daughter, Frances, will be the richest girl in the world.

Girl and Preacher Found.

Ottawa, Kansas.—The Reverend Wm. H. Stuckey, the Williamsburg, Kan., minister-editor, together with 16-year-old Lorena Sutherland, is in custody at Waukegan, Ill.

Miss Sutherland's parents state that

they will take their daughter back. They take the view that the girl's youth and ignorance made her a prey. Stuckey dropped out of sight July 25, while he was visiting a brother in Kansas City, Kan. A few days later Lorena Sutherland left home.

Bailey Promises to Reply.

Gainesville, Tex.—Aroused by the challenge buried at Texas democracy and the veiled attack against himself by W. J. Bryan in his Fort Worth speech, Senator Baile announced that he will reply to Bryan in Dallas next Saturday night.

Pupils Form Bucket Brigades.

Springfield, Mo.—School children saved the residence of Harry Patterson, of Nichols, from destruction by fire. School was dismissed and pupils formed a bucket brigade.

Cherry Gets Divorce.

Jacksonville, Ill.—John Cherry, whose wife, Lina Basket Cherry, recently disappeared simultaneously with the Cherry chauffeur, has obtained a divorce on statutory grounds. She did not contest the suit of her millionaire husband.

Gov. Johnson Improves.

Rochester, N. Y.—Governor John A. Johnson, who was operated on in St. Mary's hospital here for an intestinal abscess, was somewhat improved at an early hour this morning.

Safeguard For Carriers.

Washington, D. C.—Mail carriers are not required to deliver mail at residences where vicious dogs are permitted to run at large, is a new regulation adopted by the postoffice department.

FIVE HIGHWAYMEN DYNAMITE TRAIN

MASKED MEN COMPEL ENGINEER TO ESCORT THEM TO EXPRESS CAR.

SAFE CARRIED \$25,000 IN GOLD

Strong Box Resists Repeated Charges of Explosives and Bandits Ride Away on Horses Concealed Near Scene of Hold-Up.

Laytonville, Colo.—Before the dawn of day Friday morning possemen were scouring the plains in every direction in an attempt to capture five bandits who held up the Denver & Rio Grande passenger train near Malta, Colo., and dynamited the express car, in the effort to procure the \$25,000 in gold that was known to be in the express car safe.

The passenger train, No. 5, was running in two sections. The first section was allowed to pass unmolested. The second section was a double header, and it was to this train that the express car bearing the treasure was attached.

The robbers were apprised of every movement, for no attempt was made to board the first section. When the second section, a "double-header," stopped at Malta, the robbers were concealed behind the shadows cast by the large railroad tank. While the second engine was taking water the desperados were concealed beneath the tank, and when the fireman turned to enter the engine's cab the five train robbers emerged and, favored by the darkness, swung on between the tender and the express car without being detected.

So quiet were their movements the engineer and firemen did not suspect their presence until they were looking down the gleaming barrels of four revolvers, one in each hand of the two robbers.

The command of hands up was obeyed instantly. The time in which the commands were given and the look in the eyes behind the black masks convinced the engine's crew that refusal means instant death. The engineer was commanded to shoo up his engine, and one robber remained covering both the engineer and fireman, while two others crawled over the first engine and repeated the performance.

The train was brought to a standstill at a lonely point selected by the robbers.

Robbers took their station at the head of the train and fired a fusillade down each side to terrify the passengers.

Other robbers pounded on the door of the express car and commanded the messenger to open it. He made no move to comply. The desperate robbers were prepared for this refusal.

Dynamite, a large quantity of which they carried for the purpose, was produced and a powerful charge placed against the door.

The robbers retreated a few yards and the fuse was lighted. It burned quickly, emitting ominous flashes, and in a few moments a great explosion which frightened the passengers even more than the fusillade, shook the entire train and shattered the door of the express car into splinters.

The force of the explosion buried the messenger and his assistant against the side of the car and rendered them unconscious. Three robbers sprang into the opening made by the dynamite and proceeded at once to the safe where the \$25,000 in gold reposited. They repeatedly tried to dynamite the safe.

By this time the passengers had recovered from their first fright, and, headed by the conductor and train crew were pouring out of the coaches and sleeping cars.

Realizing that they would stand no chance in a fight against such numbers, the robbers sprang from the express car.

Mounting horses they had concealed at the spot selected for the hold-up, and after firing another fusillade at the passengers and train crew, the robbers fled in the darkness.

Gov. Johnson Is Improving.

Rochester, Minn.—Governor Johnson's condition this morning has shown decided improvement and his physicians are much encouraged over the outlook for his recovery. The governor has shown a gradual improvement during the last 24 hours.

Illinois Pioneer Dead.

Montrose, Iowa.—John Haax, a pioneer of Nasvoo, Ill., and proprietor of the opera house, is dead. He was a former alderman and was about 70 years old.

Nevada, Mo.—Her part in an attempted jail delivery here, told to the authorities by the two men she had tried to help escape, 15-year-old Ada Deppert, fearing the consequences of her act, shot herself. She is not expected to live.

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AFTER SUFFERING TEN YEARS

Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

MARLBOROUGH, N.J.—I feel that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has given me new life. I suffered for ten years with serious female troubles, inflammation, ulceration, indigestion, nervousness, and could not sleep. Doctors gave me up, as they said my troubles were chronic. I was in despair, and did not care whether I lived or died, when I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; so I began to take it, and am well again and relieved of all my suffering.—Mrs. Gonzalez Jones, Box 40, Marlboro, N.J.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, contains no narcotics or harmful drugs, and to-day holds the record for the largest number of actual cures of female diseases we know of, and thousands of voluntary testimonials are on file in the Pinkham laboratory at Lynn, Mass., from women who have been cured from almost every form of female complaints, inflammation, ulceration, displacements, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, indigestion and nervous prostration. Every suffering woman owes it to herself to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial.

If you would like special advice about your case write a confidential letter to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free, and always helpful.

From Overhead.

A canopy hung directly over the big square table in the Hungarian restaurant.

"Once," said a woman, who was dining there, "the bottom dropped out of the cage, the bird flew at the orchestra player, and we had bird seed in our soup. It was awful."

"That reminds me," said the cross-eyed man, "of one time when we were having a little game of poker on the R. & O. You know how those trains roll. Well, just about the middle of the game down came all the girls and dress suit cases straight into the kitty and broke